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## **Introduction**

Devotion to the Heart of Mary is but the consequence of the devotion due to the



Heart of Jesus. It is a consequence of that boundless love of Jesus for His most Holy Mother, which leads him to share with her all the riches and honours, so far as they can be communicated to a person.

- St. Luke wrote: “But Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart.” “And His mother kept all these words in her heart.”

(Luke 2, 19, 51)

- Towards the end of XI<sup>o</sup> century, indications of a regular devotion to the Heart of Mary are perceived in a sermon by St. Bernard ( *De duodecimstellis*).

- Tauler (d. 1361) beholds in the Heart of Mary the model of a mystical.

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- St. Bernardine of Siena (d. 1444) was more absorbed in the contemplation of the Virginal Heart of Mary.

- St. Francis de Sales spoke of the perfections of this Heart, the model of love for God, and dedicated to it his “Theotimus”.

- St. John Eudes (d. 1681) propagated the devotion of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to have a feast celebrated in honor of the Heart of Mary.

- In June 13, 1917 Our Lady had told Lucy: “God wishes to establish in the world the devotion to My Immaculate Heart.”

- Pope Pius XII instituted the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1944 to be celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> of August, coinciding with the traditional octave day of the Assumption.

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## **Apparitions of Our Lady in Fatima about the Immaculate Heart**

On June 13, 1917 Our Lady said:

— *“Jesus wishes to make use of you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world the devotion to My Immaculate Heart. To whoever embraces this devotion I promise salvation; these souls shall be dear to God, as flowers placed by Me to adorn his throne.”*

— *“Don’t lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.”*

Here are the words of Lucy recalling end of apparition of Our lady on June 13, 1917:

As Our Lady spoke these last words, she opened Her hands and

for the second time, She communicated to us the rays of that immense 5

light. We saw ourselves in this light, as it were, immersed in God. Ja-cinta and Francisco seemed to be in that part of the light which rose towards Heaven, and I in that which was poured out on the earth.

In front of the palm of Our Lady's right hand was a HEART en-

circled by thorns which pierced it. We understood that this was the **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**, outraged by the sins of humanity and seeking reparation.

On July 13, 1917 Our Lady said:

— *“God wishes to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war is going to end, but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the reign of Pius XI. When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that He is about to punish the ‘world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father’”.*

— *“To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. If My requests are heeded Russia will be converted and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer,*

*and various nations will be annihilated”.*

— *“In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me and she will be converted, and a certain period of peace will be granted to the world”.*

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**The revelation of the**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

*by Fr. Karl Stehlin, FSSPX*

This 13 June 1917 has to be appreciated as the great day in the history of the world, when the Almighty God allowed Our Lady to reveal to the world her greatest secret, her deepest intimacy, the infinite treasure received from the Most Holy Trinity, the inmost value of her personality and the source of her whole being: **HER**

**IMMACULATE HEART!** All future apparitions as well as the life of the children of Fatima and the events around Fatima are only an extension, continuation and application of this mystery revealed on this day. We can make the following summary: Fatima is the revelation of the Immaculate Heart to the world, as well as the full heavenly explication of the meaning, purpose and necessity of the Immaculate Heart for all and everybody; it is finally the exhortation of Mary herself, how she wishes our answer to this revelation to be.

Or yet shorter: Fatima shows, who Mary really is for us, and how 7

we have to react to such a will of God! And the keyword is — Immaculate Heart of Mary!

On this day, Our Lady for the first time announces the great de-sign of God for the whole world, and she does this with two lapidary sentences, each Apostle of Fatima should know by heart:

**First:** “Jesus wishes to make use of you to make me known and loved. He wants

to establish in the world the devotion to My Immaculate Heart. To whoever embraces this devotion I promise salvation; these souls shall be dear to God, as flowers placed by Me to adorn his throne.”

**Second:** “My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.”

On this day, too, Our Lady shows for the first time in the history of the world Her Immaculate Heart:

“In front of the palm of Our Lady’s right hand was a HEART encircled by thorns which pierced it. We understood that this was the **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**, outraged by the sins of humanity and seeking reparation.”

We can therefore distinguish two major parts: first Our Lady

speaks about Her Immaculate Heart, afterwards she shows it to the children and through them to the world. First she explains the effects and power of Her Immaculate Heart, if only the people would approach it and follow its wishes; afterwards she allows us to see her Heart itself, in other words she opens her heart to us, that we may enter into this ineffable sanctuary of the Holy Ghost.

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Both parts of this revelation changed the life of the children completely, and this is exactly what Our Lady wants to accomplish in each of us: through the contact

of our heart with Her Immaculate Heart we will be purified, we will receive its treasures, we will be submerged in the only great reality, for which it is worthwhile to live: the overwhelming LOVE of God present in this Heart and pouring out of this Heart.

Therefore it is necessary for us to meditate word by word this manifestation of God's deepest mysteries:

## **WORLD DEVOTION**

Our Lady continues: **“He wants to establish in the world the devotion to My Immaculate Heart.”**

She emphasizes: herself the importance of Fatima. Until now She never appeared to require a special devotion for the whole world. Visibly She wants Her Immaculate Heart to be known and loved everywhere and by all people. Now we know that an overwhelming majority of the people in this world neither know nor love Our Lady. Therefore we have to understand the requests of Our Lady as a missionary call to set the whole world afire with the pres-

ence of the burning fire or Her Heart. In other words, the message of Fatima should not be understood only as a private devotion for our own 9



spiritual comfort, but as a truly universal manifestation concerning the whole world. It is an echo of the order of Our Lord: “Go into the whole world, teach all nations...” As Jesus Christ wanted His Church to be Cath-olic, universal, aiming for the conversion and sanctification of all people, Our Lady wants to manifest Her Immaculate Heart to all nations, so that they may find in HER the **“way which leads them to God”**.

## **INCREDIBLE PROMISES**

### **FOR THE FUTURE AND ETERNITY**

The universality and importance of the revelation of the Immaculate Heart is fostered by the most astonishing promises to motivate us lazy people to embrace that devotion. These promises concern

first our future and eternity, and

afterwards our daily life here on

earth. **“To whoever embraces**

**this devotion I promise salva-**

**tion; these souls shall be dear**

**to God, as flowers placed by**

**Me to adorn his throne.”**

The promise of eternal sal-

vation can be given only by Him,

who can grant us salvation —

God himself. However, here Our

Lady clearly emphasizes: “I promise”! As she said before in Lourdes

**“I am the Immaculate Conception”** , and in Fatima on the 13 May

**“I am from heaven”** , so again today she declares **“I promise salvation”** .

In fact, the mystery of the Immaculate Heart is the mystery of God himself, who chooses amongst all creatures his dwelling and presence: 10

SHE is so full of God and His grace, that whatever she says and does, God says and accomplishes through her. In other words, when she says **“I promise salvation”** , she is only the echo or the loud-speaker of God in Her who promises the greatest of all graces.

Further on, the object of the promise is explained three times, each of which is to be considered as a precision of the others. “Salvation” is the reason of the coming of the Saviour. Salvation is the

‘one and all’ in each man’s life. Either salvation or hell, either eternal happiness or eternal damnation. It is because the whole world is addicted to sin and consequently everybody is in highest danger of losing his soul for ever, that this promise is so infinitely precious. The heavenly Mother knows that in the latter times it would be very difficult for her children to be saved, she comes herself and “promises salvation”. To understand this word, one must understand the mystery of God: it is the overwhelming reality of the definite and everlasting victory against Satan, evil and hell. It is the eternal triumph of God’s love, light, joy, mercy, fullness of grace, abundance of goodness in us.



The second term used by Our Lady is astonishing: these souls

are “dear to God”. Generally when meditating about our salvation we have in mind its effects on ourselves, the final purification of all our sins and the eternal reward in heaven. But there is a yet higher consideration: God’s final triumph in our soul touches HIS HEART

to pour out himself towards our littleness and we become “dear to God”. What in fact is so “dear to God”, that is moves Him to pour His gifts into our souls to overflowing? It is our devotion and filial love towards the Immaculate Heart. Our Lord appreciates so much that his mother be honoured and obeyed. In these words “dear to God”

we have another allusion about the relationship between the Most Holy Trinity and the Immaculata. If already the devotion to Her is so 11

dear to Him to move his Heart to fill even the weakest sinners with superabundant graces, how dear to Him must be SHE herself?

The most astonishing promise however is the last one. Here Our Lady uses the picture of the use of flowers: flowers bring light, beauty and joy into the house. Flowers have the task to ‘adorn’, to show the importance and exceptional value of that which they surround.

When we meditate about this promise, we immediately think about the flowers at the altar, so close to the tabernacle and the place of the greatest sacrifice. They are privileged to almost touch the Body and Blood of Our Lord and express the highest virtues and love of the creatures towards their Creator and Saviour.

When Holy Scripture, the Fathers and the Doctors of the Church write about the happiness in heaven, the eternal bliss and joy of the Saints, they have to use analogies and pictures (banquet, wedding, union of husband and wife...) to express what can never be expressed in our poor human language. What then can the picture used by Our Lady mean, that the souls devoted to Her Immaculate Heart will be like “flowers adorning his throne”?

Our faith teaches us that there will be degrees in heaven, and the closer a Saint is to God’s dwelling, the more he participates in God’s infinite holiness and God’s infinite love. Therefore Our Lady is always presented in heaven next to the Holy Trinity, afterwards the greatest Saints (John the Baptist, Saint Joseph, Saint

Michael the Archangel). This means, that the devotion to the Immaculate Heart will not only grant us salvation, *i.e.* make us agreeable to God, but promises an eminent holiness, and transforms our hearts to become like “flowers before God” always blossoming in his life giving presence. This devotion will bring us to a deeper intimacy with Him, to a fuller access to the “majestic throne”.

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Later Our Lady will add other promises and specify these ones, especially “a holy death and her very presence at the moment of the personal judgement”. How dear to God must that devotion be, if he gives such promises that He has hardly ever given in history?!

## **PROMISES FOR NOW**

The above mentioned promises are certainly the most important concerning “the hour of our death” and eternity: “For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world,

and suffer the loss of his soul? ...” But

the second important moment of our

life is “now”, because only the present

moment is in my hands. “Now” I can

please God or commit sin. Now we are  
in the middle of a war, now attacked  
by the devil, now on the pilgrimage to  
the eternal mountaintops. Our Lady  
knows that, she knows that our life is  
a long suffering. And again she gives us  
a most amazing promise: **“Don’t lose  
heart. I will never forsake you. My**

**Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to  
God.”**

**“I will never abandon you”:** we must cosset this promise. There is a poor  
sinner, who is too weak to get up from the spiritual mud —

“I will never abandon you; as long as you live I stand by your side and offer you  
my Immaculate Hands and beg you to give me thine”. There is another poor  
sinner, who fights, but almost every time loses the fight and falls into the pit of  
sin — “I will never abandon you; never give up!

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Whenever you fall, immediately give me your hand and stand up again.

Don’t stop trying over and over again!” There is a devout soul, who seems to  
make no progress in spiritual life, who passes through trials, tribulations, dark  
nights, temptations and discouragements — “I will never abandon you; all your  
sufferings I keep in my heart; and at each moment from my heart comes a  
special grace”.

There are two essential movements in our spiritual life: the negative one  
concerning our attitude towards evil, temptation, sin, attacks from the devil etc.;  
the positive one concerning our spiritual progress and coming closer to God; the

first is marked by fight, hardships, and dangers; the second is marked by the practicing of virtues, of pleasing God, of helping the neighbour. In both of them we encounter many difficulties: in the first one we must face dangerous enemies, fight all the time almost alone against millions. Humanly spoken we are lost: every thing outside wants to bring us to capitulation, inside we are lazy, weak, fear-ful and corrupt. And at the moment when the enemy launches himself to crush us definitely, the great promise: **“My Immaculate Heart — your refuge”** : the little houses in the high mountains are called “refugio”, because in a tempest they offer the only chance of security.

In a war the soldiers choose hidden places called “refuge” where they are secure and cannot be discovered by the enemy. This the Immaculate Heart will be for us in the midst of our spiritual war.

“When you are tired of fighting, when you are deadly wounded, when you are discouraged and getting weaker and weaker, when darkness makes you afraid, when everywhere you are pushed to fall into sin

— come to my Heart and find shelter, new strength. Here is the only place where nobody can harm you!”

And for the second movement of our life towards God, there is a big danger of losing the right way, of hesitating in which direction 14



to go, of making important errors of decision, of making many efforts for nothing because we are walking other than the right way, or of building our

house on sand. “My Immaculate Heart will be your way which leads you to God! With me there will be no error of direction!

With me you will be never exhausted, and all efforts rewarded. In my Heart always light and you will never lose the way. And the more you are in my Heart, the easier and quicker you find GOD! Not only at the end of the long way, but already here and now, because my name is: “Dominus tecum — The Lord be with you!” And my Heart is the sanctuary of the Holy Ghost”.

### **THE VISION — THE PROMISE REALIZED**

Up to that moment, Our Lady spoke about the mystery of her

Immaculate Heart, now she goes a step further: “As Our Lady spoke these last words, she opened

Her hands and for the second

time, She communicated to us

the rays of that immense light.

We saw ourselves in this light,

as it were, immersed in God. ...

In front of the palm of Our Lady's right hand was a HEART.”

The divine light is given to us

through the Immaculate Heart.

This mysterious infinite light, in

which bathed somehow the chil-

dren, is a profound expression

of the very essence of God, who IS LIGHT. The ultimate goal of the vision is

God's light, the fountain and channel of this light is her heart.

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We all know the symbol of the “heart”, which is the very depth of our being, the seat of all what is precious in us, but above all — the source of our love. We open our hearts only to our intimate friends, and only to the most beloved we say: “You are in my heart! My heart beats for you! I give you my heart etc.”. In this vision Our Lady shows us her heart, allows us to have a look into the deepest mystery of her very being. Moreover, she introduces us into her heart, which becomes our dwelling and refuge and way. Consequently she treats us as the most beloved ones, worthy to receive such an immense love. If we think a bit, who we are — wretched sinners, bad children and unworthy nothings — we cannot finish with being amazed about such condescension.

The greatness, sublimity and importance of HER HEART re-

vealed to us poor children of Eve is explained by our Lord himself, when He said to Sr. Lucy: “With immense longing I desire the propagation of the cult and the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, because this heart is the magnet, which attracts the souls to me; it is the burning focus fire, which emanates into the world the rays of my light and my love; it is finally the fountain inexhaustible, from which comes out into the world the living waters of my mercy.”

Maybe these words are the deepest and greatest of all, whatoso-ever had ever been said about Our Lady, and we should meditate on them very often.

First the immense desire of Our Lord himself who wants to reveal to the whole world, who She really is up to the end of the possibilities, up into the depths of her intimacy. These words themselves express the incredible love of God towards us, when He wants to go to the extreme limits to save us poor sinners. But — if Our Lord has such a desire — how can we be so lazy and indifferent and not concerned 16



seeing so many people who have no idea about the mystery of the Heart of the Immaculata?!

Our Lord gives also an important precision: He wishes both “cult”

and “devotion”. The devotion is our personal relationship to Mary, somehow our heart in Her Heart. It is the attitude of a loving child always ready to give all honour and praise, attention and time to such a loving mother. The cult is the public manifestation and recognition of God’s masterpiece, expressed in public ceremonies of veneration and consecration.

Then Our Lord uses three imag-

es to depict exactly the role of the

Immaculate Heart: magnet of at-

traction to Him, source of fire from

which the whole world receives HIS

LIGHT and LOVE, fountain never

drying of His infinite mercy. This

means, when contemplating with

devotion her Heart, we always will

be more attracted to Him; we will

be penetrated by His own light to

know Him more and more, and by

His Love to love Him in return and in Him all other beings; and we will ever drink at the fountain of His Mercy to make us dirty nothings into children of God.

## **THE SORROWFUL IMMACULATE HEART**

However it is also important, in which shape the Immaculate

Heart appeared: not as in the pictures made of Her purest heart since the 18th century, presenting her heart encircled with a crown of roses 17

and with the sword symbolizing her seven sorrows. Here she appears

“encircled by thorns which pierced it.” Exactly as Our Lord showed His Sacred Heart before. This means, that the same crown of thorns piercing the Holy Head of Our Lord during his passion and piercing his Sacred Heart “because of the indifference, negligence and abandon of so many souls” ... these thorns also pierce Our Lady’s Heart and wound it immensely. Lucy writes: “We understood that this was the IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, outraged by the sins of humanity and seeking reparation.”

With these words we receive the most important reason, why

Mary wanted to show us Her heart: She want to excite us to be touched, moved by such a love and also such suffering for us unfaithful sinners. She ‘seeks reparation’, because she wants to change our hearts of stone into hearts of loving compassion. If a child loves his mother and sees how she suffers, the child wants to console her, wants to repair the grief done to her, first by himself, then by the others.

## **SUMMARY**

Once the core of Fatima had been announced, the following manifestations will only be precisions and applications of the great mystery and importance of Her



Immaculate Heart. On 13 July She reveals the great secret to show HER role in the militant church, specially in the final battles between the apocalyptic Woman and the dragon with his two beasts. From 13 August to 13 September She appeals all to hear and observe the requests of Her Heart. On 13 October She works the great miracle as PROOF from heaven about the unique and outstanding importance of Her Heart.

In the year 1925 She explains to Sr. Lucy in Pontevedra, what the devotion to Her Immaculate Heart consists of.

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Our Lady announces that She will come back once more to establish in the world the “Devotion to My Immaculate Heart” which happened in Pontevedra on 10 December 1925.

Finally in 1929 in Tuy She asks for the consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart.

Our Lady announces that She will also come another time to ask for the “Consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart” which happened in Tuy on 13 May 1929.

The words concluding the whole secret of Fatima are the most

consoling words Our Lady has ever spoken:

**“In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph”.**

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**Litany to the**

**Immaculate**

**Heart of Mary**

*Lord, have mercy.*

*Christ, have mercy.*

*Lord, have mercy.*

*Christ, hear us.*

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

*God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.*

*God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.*

*God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.*

*Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.*

*Heart of Mary, pray for us.*

*Heart of Mary, after God's own Heart, pray for us.*

*Heart of Mary, in Union with the Heart of Jesus, pray for us.*

*Heart of Mary, the Vessel of the Holy Spirit, pray for us.*

*Heart of Mary, Shrine of the Trinity, pray for us.*

*Heart of Mary, Home of the Word, pray for us.*

*Heart of Mary, Immaculate in your creation, pray for us.*

*Heart of Mary, Flooded with Grace, pray for us.*

*Heart of Mary, Blessed of all Hearts, pray for us.*

*Heart of Mary, Throne of Glory, pray for us.*

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*Heart of Mary, Abyss of Humbleness, pray for us.*

*Heart of Mary, Victim of love, pray for us.*

*Heart of Mary, Nailed to the Cross, pray for us.*

*Heart of Mary, Comfort of the sad, pray for us.*

*Heart of Mary, Refuge of the sinner, pray for us.*

*Heart of Mary, Hope of the dying, pray for us.*

*Heart of Mary, Seat of mercy, pray for us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, spare us, O Lord.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,*

graciously hear us, O Lord.

*Lamb of God*, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

*Christ*, hear us.

*Christ*, graciously hear us.

*Lord*, have mercy.

*Christ* have mercy.

*Lord*, have mercy.

Immaculate Mary, meek and humble of Heart,

Conform our hearts to be like the Heart of Jesus.

***Let us pray:*** O most merciful God, who for the salvation of sinners and the refuge of the wretched, has made the Immaculate Heart of Mary most like in tenderness and pity to the Heart of Jesus, grant that we, who now commemorate Her most sweet and loving Heart, may by Her merits and intercession, ever live in the fellowship of the hearts of both Mother and Son, through the same Christ our Lord!

Amen.

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**Petition to the**

**Immaculate Heart**

**for Transformation into Christ**

*by St. Grignon de Montfort*

Hail Mary, daughter of God the Father! Hail Mary, Mother of God the Son! Hail Mary, Spouse of the Holy Ghost! Hail Mary, temple of the Most Holy Trinity! Hail Mary, my mistress, my wealth, my mystic rose! Hail, Queen of my heart, my Mother, my life, my sweetness and my dearest hope! I am all Thine, and all

that I have is Thine. O Virgin blessed above all things. May thy soul be in me to magnify the Lord; may Thy spirit be in me to rejoice in God. Grant, most gracious Virgin, that I may be numbered among Those whom Thou art pleased to love, to teach, and to guide, to favor and to protect as Thy children.

Grant that with the help of thy love I may despise all earthly consolation and cling to thy Spouse. Jesus Christ thy Son be formed within me for the glory of the Father.

Amen.

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### **Act of Reparation to the**

#### **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

O Heart of Mary, I honor Thee as the Heart most pleasing to Our Lord and most intimately united to Him. I love Thee as the Heart of the best of mothers and I rejoice in Thy glorious prerogative. Prostrate before Thee, O Heart of Mary, make Thou this humble act of reparation for all the outrages Thou hast received from me and all mankind I humbly confess that I have been guilty of the greatest ingratitude towards Thee, but seeing that through Thee, the divine mercy has so often had regard unto me, I venture even yet to hope that Thou wilt not abandon me. In this sweet confidence I am animated by a most earnest desire to be more faithful and more devoted to Thee I pray Thee to accept all the good that henceforth I am resolved to do, to present it to Thy Son Jesus, so that, through Thee, my most loving Saviour may pour down His benedictions more and more on me and on all who are dear unto me.

Amen.

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### **Consecration of the human race to the**

#### **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

*Pope Pius XII*

## Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Help of Christians and Refuge

of the human race, conqueror in the great battles of God, we humbly prostrate ourselves, certain of obtaining mercy and receiving grace and opportune help in the present calamity. We do not presume on our own merits but only on the immense bounty of thy maternal heart.

To thee, to thy Immaculate Heart in this tragic hour of human history, we confide, we consecrate, we entrust, not only Holy Church, the Mystical Body of thy Son Jesus, which bleeds and suffers in so many parts and is in so much tribulation but also the whole world, torn by deadly strife, afire with hatred and victim of its own iniquity.

May so much material and moral ruin, so much sorrow and anguish of fathers, mothers, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, of innocent children cut off in the flower of their lives, so many bodies destroyed in the horrible slaughter; so many tortured and agonising souls, and so many others in danger of eternal loss, move thy maternal heart.

O Mother of Mercy, obtain from God, both peace and above all

those graces which can convert evil hearts in an instant and which 24

prepare, conciliate and assure true peace! Queen of Peace, pray for us and give peace to the world at war, that peace for which all peoples sigh, peace in the truth, the justice, the charity of Christ! Give peace from armed warfare and peace of souls, so that in the tranquility and order, the Kingdom of God may spread.

Extend thy protection to unbelievers and those who still lie in the shadow of death! Give them peace; make the Sun of Truth shine upon them! May they repeat with us before the one Saviour of the World:

“Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to men of goodwill!”

(Lk. 2:14). To peoples separated by error or discord, namely those who profess for thee a singular devotion where there was no house that did not display thy holy icon, today hidden perhaps until better days, grant them peace, and lead them again to the only flock of Christ, under the true and only Shepherd. Obtain peace and complete liberty for the Holy Church of God! Stem the flooding

waves of paganism and materialism, and kindle among the Faithful the love of purity, the practice of the Christian life, and apostolic zeal, that the people who serve God may increase in merits and in numbers.

Finally, as the Church and the whole human race were consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, so that, placing in Him all its hopes, it might have “a pledge of victory and salvation”, thus from today may they be perpetually consecrated to thy Immaculate Heart, O Mother and Queen of the World, that thy love and protection may hasten the triumph of the Kingdom of God and that all generations of mankind, at peace with themselves and with God, may proclaim thee blessed and chant with thee, from pole to pole, an eternal Magnificat of glory, love and thanksgiving to the Heart of Jesus, where alone may be found Truth, Life and Peace.

Amen.

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## **Act of Consecration to the**

### **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of the Heart of Jesus, Mother and Queen of our household, in order to fulfill Thy ardent desire, we consecrate ourselves to Thee, and we beseech Thee to reign over our family. Reign over each one of us, and teach us how to make the Sacred Heart of Thy Divine Son reign and triumph in us and around us, as He has reigned and triumphed in Thee.

Reign over us, O Beloved Mother, so that we may be Thine both in prosperity and in adversity, in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, in life and in death. O most compassionate Heart of Mary, Queen of Virgins, watch over our souls and our hearts and preserve them from the flood of pride, impurity, and paganism of which Thou hast complained so bitterly. We desire to do reparation for the numerous crimes committed against Jesus and Thee. We call down upon our home, upon the homes of this country and upon those of the entire world, the peace of Christ in justice and charity.

Wherefore we promise to imitate Thy virtues, by the practice

of a Christian life, and by frequent and fervent Holy Communion, regardless of

human respect. We come with confidence to Thee, O Throne of Grace and Mother of Fair Love; inflame us with the same divine fire that has inflamed Thine own Immaculate Heart. Kindle 26



in our hearts and homes, the love of purity, an ardent zeal for souls, and desire for the holiness of family life. We accept now, all the sacrifices that the Christian life will impose on us and we offer them to the Heart of Jesus, through Thy Immaculate Heart, in a spirit of reparation and of penance. To the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary be love, honor, and glory forever and ever!

Amen.

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